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The STAT user's guide to venture capital in biotech

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What's inside

This report takes a look at more than 50 venture capital firms that invest in biotechnology.

Some specialize in biotech, or in health care in general. A few specialize in helping to build biotech companies from the ground up.

Others are generalists, putting money into the broader technology sector, with biotech part of the mix. Still others have invested in biotech while also funding ventures in industries ranging from consumer goods to energy to health care IT.

Beyond the introduction, the report has three major components.

Nine “deep dives” into venture capital companies will paint a picture of the biotech investing process, from the research itself, to how the investors met the inventors, to how the deals got built. The report also provides some insight into the companies that have received investment funds: the science behind the ideas; the size of the investment and the names of the investors; and whether the company has succeeded or failed.

Secondly, portraits of other venture capital companies provide basic profile information about the firms, including the types of investments they make and their areas of interest. These portraits are arrayed geographically. Venture capital is now a global business, but traditionally, companies that take interest in the biotech sector have been clustered on the East Coast or in Silicon Valley, and have tended to invest close to home.

And, finally, the report concludes with a case study that profiles a single venture deal between Third Rock Ventures and CancerSEEK, and how it came about.

— Maggie Fox, author

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